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SUBJECT: THREAT INFORMATION

Classified By: RSO MARC RAMOS FOR REASON 1.5(C)

1. (S) On 4 October 2003 about 1400 hours, the Embassy received threat information indicating that a Protestant church in the down town area of Djibouti was targeted for a bomb attack on that same evening. Notifications were immediately made to all appropriate authorities and the Embassy issued a warden notice to the community identifying the potential threat.

2. (S) On 4 October 2003 about 1400 hours, Major Patrick Anderson, Embassy US Liaison Officer, received threat information from an American citizen stating that the Protestant church located in the downtown area of Djibouti was to be targeted for a terrorist attack. The American citizen was approached by a Djiboutian national who is known to attend religious services at the church. The Djiboutian national, only known as Kadir, stated that he had been approached by two men, only known as Guelleh and A'amadi, to place a bomb in the church on the evening of 4 October 2003 during the religious service. Kadir, states that he immediately refused to carry out their requests. No other information was given or sought. The American citizen immediately notified the church's French Pastor who in turn notified church members.

3. (S) Upon notification of the threat, the Charge' d'Affaires (CDA) directed the USLO to gather more information from the source. An interview was scheduled with Kadir on 5 October 2003 between the hours of 0900 and 0930, but Kadir never showed up at the Embassy. COS notified Host Nation security Services and is working closely with them to follow up on the alleged threat. CDA drafted a warden notice and conferred with the Department on the issuance and language of the notice prior to release. RSO returned from leave on the morning of 5 October 2003 and was notified upon arrival to his residence.

4. (S) The information received is inconclusive, non-credible and sketchy at best. RSO and COS will continue to work closely with Host Nation counterparts to follow any developments, but both officers believe that the validity of the source's information, as relayed to the American citizen, is highly improbable. Without further details from the source the information should only be considered as hearsay from a third party. RSO will notify the Department immediately if any leads are developed.

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